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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 7, 2001 (Paper No. 18).

Responsive to the Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 2-5 without prejudice. Please add new claims 6-18 as follows (for the Examiner's convenience, all of the claims pending after entry of this Amendment are presented below):

6. (New) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:31 or 56.

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